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**Delegate Jesus honors Vietnam Veteran Francis Chischilly during the 2025 Summer Session**



**L to R: Council Delegate Brenda Jesus, Oak Springs Secretary-Treasurer Tina Yazzie, Oak Springs Veterans Vice President Commander Arlene Radisch and Speaker Crystalyne Curley.**

**WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.** — On Tuesday, during the 2025 Navajo Nation Summer Session, Council Delegate Brenda Jesus formally recognized Vietnam War veteran Francis Chischilly of Oak Springs, Ariz., for his years of honorable military service and lifelong commitment to the Diné people.

Delegate Jesus presented Chischilly with a certificate of recognition and a Pendleton robe, a symbol of honor, respect, and gratitude from the 25th Navajo Nation Council and the Oak Springs and Pine Springs communities. The robe was presented with the assistance of Office of the Speaker Legislative Staff Assistant Arthur Hardy and members of the Oak Springs–Pine Springs Veterans Organization.

“In our prayers, we ask the Creator to continue to watch over you and protect you,” said Delegate Jesus. “We thank you, Mr. Chischilly, for your courage and your dedication—not just during your time in uniform, but for continuing to serve your community in Oak Springs and Pine Springs. This recognition is not just for you, but for every Diné warrior who has worn the uniform.”

Born and raised in Oak Springs, Chischilly is of the Tódík’ozhí clan, born for the Tábaahá. His maternal grandfather is of the Kiyááanii clan, and his paternal grandfather is of the Honágháahnii clan. Drafted into the United States Army in 1969, he served in the 2nd Infantry

Division during the Vietnam War, with subsequent deployments to South Korea and Hawaii. He was honorably discharged in 1978 after nearly a decade of service.

"Today, we honor not just one man, but every Navajo who has served," said Delegate Jesus. "Our warriors carry more than weapons—they carry the prayers, traditions, and hopes of our people."

The recognition ceremony included remarks from Oak Springs Veterans Vice President Commander Arlene Radisch and Secretary-Treasurer Tina Yazzie who expressed the community's appreciation. Delegate Jesus also acknowledged her legislative district assistant and Speaker Crystalayne Curley's office for helping organize the event.

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